



Kathryn Diane Newman

June 7, 1956 - May 14, 2020

Kathryn Diane Newman (Kastner), 63 of Tallahassee, FL passed away May, 2020 after a prolonged illness at the Margaret Dozier Hospice House at Big Bend Hospice.

Kathy was born June 7, 1956 in West Palm Beach, FL to Cecilia Ann Hopkins and Harold Kastner, Jr. She spent her childhood in Winter Haven where she learned to love the Florida sunshine. She moved to Tallahassee where she went to Leon High School and eventually led to her life long career with the Florida Department of Transportation. During this time, she met her husband and love of her life, John Newman, after a blind date that was arranged by her favorite sister-in-law, Sara Liro.

She retired in 2015 after 36 years of service. She leaves behind fond memories of her many friends from the FL DOT; kayak paddle groups; and Tuesday afternoon lunch crowd.

She is survived by her husband, John Newman; sons Steve Kastner and John Newman (wife Alesha); grandchildren Max and Madeline Newman; and extended Newman family of many loving in-laws. Also surviving are her step-father Cliff Hopkins; sister Susan Kuhlman (fiancé Parker); brother Larry Kastner; step-brother Lee Hopkins; and three nephews, Jay Kuhlman, Matthew Kuhlman and Jesse Kastner.

A private graveside service will be held at Oakland Cemetery. Gifts in memory of Kathy may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

If you'd like to pay tribute to Kathy, please do so with an act of kindness in her memory.

Susie Mozolic and Rocky Bevis are assisting Mr. Newman with his arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

838 N Bronough St
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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Tom Butler - May 26, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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Another pic from that great wintry day on the Upper Apalachicola of Kathy in her sleek purple kayak.

Tom Butler - May 26, 2020 at 02:24 PM

CA

“ I will always remember paddling with Kathy, she was always having lots of fun!

I especially remember paddling with her on the Apalachicola River, the day my kayak had a crack in it and started sinking.

Linda Nicholzen and Kathy duck taped the bottom of my boat and we were on our way!

I will also remember Kathy at our once a month "Bonefish Restaurant" girls group.

She loved shrimp and always ordered Ban Bang Shrimp to share with our group.

She will be sorely missed by all of us.

May she rest in peace.

Carole Butler

Carole - May 26, 2020 at 01:29 PM

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Tom Butler - May 22, 2020 at 04:35 PM

JL

“ *Kathy and co-lead many kayak trips. One could not want a better friend and fellow paddle. She was always hard to keep up with and always up on the latest technology. She will be missed.*

John Lorenz - May 17, 2020 at 08:44 AM

AC

“ *Kathy was a great paddling buddy. She and I loved to paddle fast and be out in front of the group. At times I couldn't keep up with her. She would volunteer to sweep if needed and we would often chat about the "dawdlers" . Always a smile and a kayak loaded for any emergency. I thought I was a gadget person but I couldn't hold a candle to Kathy. No one had a bigger fleet of kayaks than Kathy and she was always on the look out for a size she didn't already have. She has been missed on the water these last few years and will be missed into the future. Kathy left some great memories.*

Art Cooper - May 15, 2020 at 12:28 PM

KB

“ Kathy was an extraordinary woman, paddler and human being. I met her on a paddling trip year or so after her mother had passed. Kathy talked about her mom and her grief and loss so honestly and so clearly that it helped me cope with my sense of loss and grief. She loved to kayak and to paddle fast. But she was also willing to hang out and talk but, sometimes, the two mixed - the talking and the paddling - and Kathy and I would discover we had left everybody behind - far behind. The last time I saw her she talked about how much she loved and treasured her husband John. Again, she spoke from her heart honestly and clearly. I will miss her. My sincere condolences.

Kerrie Lee Barloga - May 15, 2020 at 12:11 PM

LN

“ Kathy was a beautiful person inside and out. I enjoyed all our paddling trips together. Kathy loved being out in her kayaks and she was a wonderful paddler. She had to slow down to paddle with me, and I'm very grateful she did. I treasure our time together. I'm so sorry she had to suffer. May she rest in peace.
Linda NicholSEN

Linda NicholSEN - May 15, 2020 at 12:04 PM